

NOTES MILL ONE MILLION

Midwest Staggered By Fresh Storms; Roads In Area Drift 15 Feet Deep

By The Associated Press
The first day of the winter season howled into the snow-covered and frigid Midwest today on a new fall of snow and biting cold.

There appeared no immediate relief in the central part of the country. But some higher temperatures appeared in prospect in the eastern states.

The fresh onslaught of snow and cold in the storm-buffed mid-continent followed a week of snow and ice and sub-zero temperatures over wide areas east of the eastern states.

Another interesting point: Both of these blizzards were dug out by Senator Williams of Delaware, who laboriously, over a period of years, smoked out the tax fraud scandals in the bureau of internal revenue.

This Senator Williams, before his election to the congress, was just a plain business man—a grain merchant, to be exact. For years, the idea has been fostered by demagogic politicians that ALL BUSINESS MEN ARE CROOKS.

As the facts begin to come out, it becomes apparent that business men morals compare very, very well indeed with the morals of demagogic politicians.

It is reported as this is written that six-foot, mustached former special prosecutor, now federal judge, Thomas Murphy has decided against heading President Truman's three-man commission to expose wrongdoers in government. He is said to have come to that conclusion because:

1. Of his failure to get the men he wanted as his aides.

2. As an investigator, he would lack subpoena or contempt power.

3. He "feared" he would become mere "window dressing" in Washington.

I think we might safely add to that the probability that he knows he would be regarded generally as a mere custodian of the whitewash pot.

Passions: "Now it's official: The Mount Wilson observatory has confirmed the discovery of a NEW MOON for the planet Jupiter."

Do you reckon there could be any coincidence in the fact that the new moon's discovery comes right here in the middle of the office Christmas party season?

Getting back to federal government scandals and alleged scandals, what I'd like to know about this Empire Ordnance company (now defunct) deal in which Democratic National Chairman McKinley made a \$60,000 profit in ten months on an investment of \$1000 is this:

Did it come out of the hides of innocent stockholders as a result of a bankruptcy deal?

Most honest business men don't think much of that kind of deals.

Newhall, California: "Somebody reported that a big plane, trailing flames and smoke, crashed in the Tehachapi mountains north of here yesterday. It took a full-scale air search by planes of the March Air Base and Los Angeles and Kern counties' sheriffs' departments to prove that 'somebody' whoever it was, was wrong."

A lot of our troubles and griefs arise out of the unfortunate fact that so many people know so many things that aren't so.

Noted Glider Pilot Killed
BISHOP, (AP)—Dr. Karl Ovgard, 38, holder of Sweden's glider endurance mark of 21 hours, has crashed to his death in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

His body was found yesterday 45 miles south of Bishop. Nearby was the wreckage of the glider in which he had sought a new altitude mark.

Searchers said the left wing of the glider apparently collapsed in the air. Ovgard still wore his parachute and his safety belt was broken. But evidently he made no attempt to escape from the aircraft. His altimeter recorded 36,000 feet.

Ovgard, professor of geography at a university in Sigtuna, Sweden, had been missing since Tuesday. He had participated in flight research on the so-called Sierra wave, an air force project to study air currents over the Sierra Nevada.

Mills Facing Power Lack
Klamath basin lumber mills face another week of restricted electricity supply. The cut that was in effect this week will be in effect through next Friday, Sam Ritchie, California-Oregon Power Co. local manager said today.

The mills' power supply has been cut in half between the hours of 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Copco blames the shortage on increased electricity usage in homes.

Efforts to get additional power from outside companies have failed thus far, Ritchie said.

Most mills, by rescheduling shifts and other arrangements, have prevented lost working hours but some work losses were suffered by mill workers.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy, with clearing and colder tonight. Increasing cloudiness tomorrow followed by rain or snow. Low to night 22, high tomorrow 35. Low last night 22, high yesterday 33. (Additional Weather on Page 10.)

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A lot of prices were going up. Most of the large automobile makers asked for a boost in whole-sale ceiling prices during the week. At least one of them had its request granted before the weekend.

The government's cost of living index rose another 0.6 percent to a new peak in November and approximately 1,250,000 railroad workers whose wage scales are tied to the index, got a four cent an hour pay boost.

Toll Made At End Of Fifty Years

By The Associated Press
The Nation's traffic death toll since the advent of the automobile reached the 1,000,000 (M) mark today.

The total reached the 1,000,000 mark on the Associated Press tally sheet with the report of the death of Miss Elma Wischmeier, 32, who died in a Cleveland, Ohio, hospital at 7:30 p.m. (EST) Friday.

The news of her death was reported to the AP at 11:37 a.m. (EST) today.

The latest death in point of time on the AP list of the last ten victims was that of Dave Dawson, 25, of Dunbury, Tex. He died at 9:30 a.m. (EST) from injuries suffered in an automobile accident which occurred at 2:29 a.m. (EST). He was one of three injured in that accident.

Dawson was victim No. 999,996 on the AP roster, which listed deaths in the order in which they were reported.

The actual 1,000,000th victim never can be definitely identified. The main reason is that statistics for the early years of the century were estimates instead of precise figures.

WIDE CHECK
The AP cooperated with the council in a nationwide spot check of motor vehicle deaths which began Wednesday midnight. The council made its last tabulation at 10 a.m. (EST) today. The AP Chicago bureau, with the cooperation of bureaus throughout the nation, made its own count after that hour.

The council had predicted the millionth fatality would occur by noon EST.

The Nation's No. 1 victim was H. H. Bliss, who was felled by an automobile after he stepped off a trolley September 13, 1899, in New York City.

The 1 million toll was run up in 51 years, three months and eight days.

As soon as No. 1 million was counted, a new link in the chain of deaths was begun.

The council figures that, if the death rate continues at the present pace, it will take only 30 years to reach the 2 million mark.

This was M. Day, Ned H. Dearborn, president of the national safety council, commented: "This is a day no civilized country should ever see."

He said it is too late to do anything for the dead. But, he added, use of caution and common sense in the future can "save those who are living."

M day occurred in an inconspicuous setting. Shopping streets throughout the U. S. glittered with gay lights. The last lap of the race toward the 1 million milestone.

Thousands of Christmas holiday travelers were on the roads—and that was contributing factor in the slaughter of the last lap of the race toward the 1 million milestone.

Mozier, a merchant marine lieutenant, distributes 10-cent packages of seeds to needy people in the five countries he visits regularly.

He has handed out 15,000 packets of seeds since last June, when he asked a hungry farmer in India: "Why don't you plant something to eat if you are starving?"

The answer he got was, "We have no seeds."

In six months Mozier's campaign already is bearing fruit. Farmers in Korea, India, Greece, Israel and Morocco have reported successful crops from seeds he provided.

Vegetables that grow underground—potatoes, beets, onions, Yams—are favored, said Mozier. Shipping agents make cargo space available to Mozier without charge, and next voyage he plans to take about two tons of seeds with him.

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PROUD AS PUNCH—Eight-year-old Donald Goben, a reward and City Police Chief Orville Hamilton.

Early Christmas For Boy Who Returned Lost Wallet

By DAVE ENRILL
Christmas came early for 8-year-old Donald Goben of 608 1/2 Broad street.

And the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Goben, a second grade pupil at Fremont elementary school, was so overcome with emotion all he could say was, "It's my first bike... I wanted one for Christmas."

But the story goes back further than yesterday when solemn-faced, wide-eyed Donald Goben got his Christmas wish... and it's an object lesson to all little boys and girls who don't believe it pays to be good before Santa Claus is due to arrive.

One morning three weeks ago, Donald was on his way to school, when he spotted a wallet lying on the street near school.

In the wallet were identification papers and \$194.01.

Instead of keeping the wallet, and not saying anything, Donald took it to his school principal, Lowell Kaup.

Kaup turned the wallet, with its contents, over to city police.

The night before police had been notified by Mrs. S. J. Richards of Los Angeles that she had lost her wallet downtown. She said it contained about \$190.

Then Mrs. Richards, after reporting the loss, continued on to Eugene with her husband.

On the way back to Los Angeles, the Richards checked with police.

Judge Removes Child Bride
MARION, Ill., (AP)—The 46 year old husband of a child bride and her father and stepmother were sentenced to prison terms of one year each Friday on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Margaret Meyers Trusty, 13, a seventh grade pupil, who was married to Jesse Trusty, a truck driver, was sent to live with relatives by Williamson County Judge A. R. Cagle.

Trusty and the girl were married Wednesday in Plagot, Ark., in a double ceremony in which Trusty's former wife, Gladys, 39, was married to Margaret's father, Fred Meyers, 55, a coal miner.

Trading was cautious and at least part of the caution was due to developments in the steel negotiations.

The commerce department said during the week that business activity probably would turn upward before long. It has remained level for several months despite the increasing defense program.

The department noted little change in October and November from the July-September rate.

Highway 97 Dangerous Last Night

Car accidents on icy highways north and south of here early this morning, put at least three persons in Klamath Valley hospital with injuries.

Apparently most seriously hurt with reported rib and possible internal injuries was Lester I. Holmes from Redding, manager of the Shasta Plywood company at Anderson, Calif.

The 36-year-old man was traveling north on U.S. 97 about four miles south of Madocel when his car skidded on ice and rolled over three or four times.

He was brought to Klamath Falls by a passing motorist to Klamath Machinery company and then taken to the hospital later.

In a space of 30 minutes, shortly after 4 a.m. today, three cars skidded off U.S. 97 over a 25-foot embankment at the Tulelake road intersection just south of the state line.

In the hospital with an undetermined neck injury, but apparently in good condition is Suluimu Kaishu, 20, Seattle, Wash. Fumi Umino, Los Angeles, was treated for rib injuries and James Moll, Los Angeles.

CAR HITS ICE
Shortly before a car with three servicemen in it hit the icy spot of highway and went down the embankment. Two of the soldiers, received lacerations. The driver, Pfc. John N. Trainor, Mabton, Wash. was not injured.

The soldiers were traveling to Washington from their base, an army language school, at Monterey, Calif.

First car to go in the ditch carried three Episcopal seminary students from Berkeley, Calif. They were traveling north to Portland. None of them was injured.

About six o'clock this morning a two car crash 50 miles north of Klamath Falls on highway 97 resulted in injury to three members of a Portland family.

Brought to the hospital here were Nolan Gregory, face laceration; his wife, Juanita, injured left knee and their son, Richard, 15, lacerated right knee.

The Gregory's seven-year-old daughter, Nola, and Juanita Kyker, also in the car, were not injured.

The Gregory's were traveling south to Bakersfield, Calif., for the holidays when they were unable to avoid hitting a parked car on the road.

Mrs. Gregory said a car going north, prevented them from passing the parked car headed south.

Highways south and north of here were in treacherous condition this morning. Ambulance driver Jim Kaler, said he saw several cars and trucks had skidded off the road north of here on his way to the Gregory accident.

A California state patrolman from Dorris reported four other cars skidded off the highway in the same spot that Holmes rolled his car four miles south of Madocel.

Holmes' car apparently rolled 100 feet before stopping. Then another driven north by a sailor from San Diego skidded off the road.

Following it into the ditch was another driven by Patricia Marks of Stockton, Calif.

A fourth car stopped to give help (operated by Fred Weaver of Shelton, Wash.) and was hit by a fifth driven south by Halter Bray of San Leandro, Calif.

The patrolman said he knew of no others injured besides those already reported.

State police here reported two minor accidents in and near Klamath Falls.

A three car crash last night on Altamont at Boardman involved vehicles driven by C. M. Boltz, Portland; Leo R. Ferrolin, 3537 Boardman and Carrol W. Bruce, 210 Wendway.

No injuries were reported.

Police arrested W. S. Simms, 2446 Pershing Way for failure to drive on the right side of the road, Riverside near Lindley Way.

Following a two-car crash on S. following a reported Simms' car slid into another driven by Hamilton E. Geary.

Simms pleaded not guilty in district court and was recognized to appear for a trial.

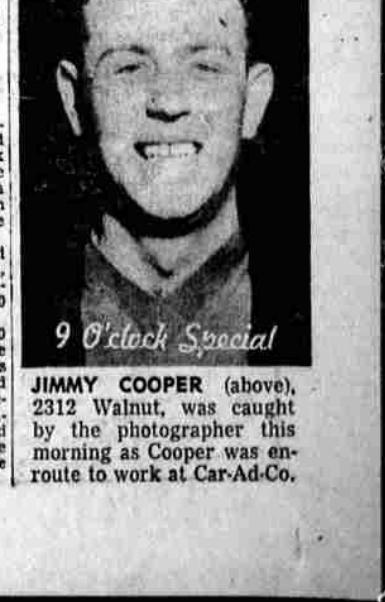
POW Exchange Talks Slow

MUNSAN, Korea, (AP)—United Nations negotiators today suggested an immediate exchange of sick and wounded war prisoners.

The U.N. disclosed that 37,500 South Koreans they have held in prison have been reclassified and will be released.

The Communists said they would think over the exchange proposal, but a U.N. spokesman said he believed there was less than a 50-50 chance they would agree.

The announcement, that 37,500 South Korean civilians are to be freed from Allied prison camps came only a few hours after Red negotiators at Panmunjom demanded an explanation of why 44,529 names reported by the Red Cross were not included on the prisoner list turned over by the U.N. last Tuesday.



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